

especially following the attack in Benghazi. To date, the Department has provided to the Congress the classified ARB report and more than 25,000 pages of documents.

Secretary Kerry, testifying before the House Foreign Affairs Committee in April, also pledged coordination with the Benghazi investigation when he stated:

I'm determined that this will be as accountable and open State Department as it has been in the past and we will continue to provide answers.

So the question I have for each of them is this: Why do I have to hold in my hands a handwritten transcript of an email?

Why is it that congressional investigators must hand-copy them under supervision from the other side, so to speak?

Why can't we get the documents and copy themselves?

Why must we subpoena everything?

And why are they not in compliance with any of the subpoenas?

PROPOSED SNAP CUTS

(Mr. TONKO asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. TONKO. Mr. Speaker, more than 30,000 families in New York's capital region rely on SNAP benefits to put dinner on the table every night. Nationally, about 87 percent of families on food stamps include a child, a senior citizen, or a disabled person. These members of the American family are hungry. They are not criminals.

Yet House Republicans are trying to cut \$40 billion from this critical program, 10 times the amount the Senate has proposed, without first looking at closing tax loopholes for major corporations or cutting subsidies to profit rich oil companies.

These benefits are not luxuries, Mr. Speaker. These are basic, sustainable meals that will keep our unemployed and underemployed nourished until they find a job that lets them support themselves and their families on their own.

If House Republicans truly want to reduce food stamp rolls and decrease how much our Nation spends on the SNAP program, then they need to join the Democrats and get serious about creating quality, well-paying jobs instead of trying to balance the budget on the backs of our country's most vulnerable.

HONORING THE LIVING CONGRESSIONAL MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENTS

(Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. RODNEY DAVIS of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, thank you for the opportunity to be here today. It is an honor for me, as a new Member of Congress, to sit here on the floor of the House

with my colleagues to actually honor all of our living Congressional Medal of Honor recipients.

I'm proud to work with my colleague, TULSI GABBARD, from the great State of Hawaii, in a bipartisan way to make sure that these heroes that protected our freedoms, that have protected our ability to stand here and debate the issues that we debate every single day, are honored by their heroism and by their fight for this country.

Now, Mr. Speaker, we're going to begin this process through the 1-minute, but we're also going to have an hour and a half of a Special Order that's going to be a bipartisan, unprecedented Special Order to honor these American heroes. And I stand here today to say thank you to each and every one of them.

RECOGNITION OF IMMIGRATION REFORM, CONSTITUTION DAY, CITIZENSHIP DAY, AND CONSTITUTION WEEK

(Mr. HONDA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HONDA. Mr. Speaker, I just want to thank my colleague, Congressman CÁRDENAS, for bringing everyone together to support immigration reform and in recognition of Constitution Day, Citizenship Day, and Constitution Week.

From Angel Island to Ellis Island, from our northern to southern borders, from the fertile earth of Steinbeck country, to innovation's epicenter of Silicon Valley, immigration issues and immigrants have touched every corner and facet of our Nation.

As the Representative of California's 17th District, I have witnessed how this immigrant spirit is the entrepreneur's spirit. In fact, 40 percent of the largest U.S. companies have been founded by immigrants or their children.

In Silicon Valley, between 1995 and 2005, more than half of all the major technology and engineering firms were founded by an immigrant.

People come to our shores with different dreams, aspirations, and needs. We must support stronger provisions for those guest workers who toil the earth and harvest food for our dinner tables. We must support students who come to this country seeking top education and then allow them to kindle their entrepreneurial spark into our economy.

We must support high-skilled immigrants, as well as their families, who will strengthen our talented workforce. We must never turn our backs on our married children and siblings just because they are above a certain age.

HONORING COLONEL WESLEY LEE FOX

(Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GRIFFITH of Virginia. I join with my colleagues to honor those recipients of the Medal of Honor.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor the heroic efforts of Colonel Wesley Lee Fox of the United States Marine Corps. Colonel Fox currently resides in Blacksburg, Virginia.

Colonel Fox was awarded the Medal of Honor for gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty in the Republic of Vietnam.

Colonel Fox's company came under intense fire from a large, well-concealed enemy force. Colonel Fox was wounded, along with the other members of the command group. Colonel Fox personally neutralized one enemy position and calmly ordered an assault against the hostile emplacements.

Colonel Fox refused medical attention so he could establish a defensive posture and supervise the preparation of casualties for medical evacuation. His indomitable courage, inspiring initiative, and unwavering devotion to duty in the face of grave personal danger inspired his marines to such aggressive action that they overcame all enemy resistance and destroyed a large bunker complex.

It is for his outstanding heroism and leadership that I am proud and honored to remember the actions of Colonel Wesley L. Fox.

HONORING STAFF SERGEANT ALLAN JAY KELLOGG, JR.

(Ms. GABBARD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. GABBARD. Mr. Speaker, I'm so proud to stand here today to join Congressman RODNEY DAVIS from Illinois and the rest of my colleagues as we honor the 79 living Medal of Honor recipients, which include U.S. Marine Corps Staff Sergeant Allan Jay Kellogg, who's lived in Hawaii for more than 25 years, and who calls my hometown of Kailua his home as well.

Under the leadership of Sergeant Kellogg, a small unit from Company G was evacuating a fallen comrade when the unit came under enemy fire from the surrounding jungle. What he did is the stuff of legend.

After an enemy soldier hurled a hand grenade at the marines, Sergeant Kellogg quickly forced the grenade into the mud, threw himself over the grenade, and absorbed the full effects of its detonation with his body, saving his unit. Although suffering multiple injuries to his chest and his right shoulder, Sergeant Kellogg continued to direct his men until all reached safety.

It's for his unwavering devotion to duty and his continued service to our country that I'm so proud to honor and remember the actions of Staff Sergeant Allan Jay Kellogg, Jr. here today.

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HONORING COLONEL OLA LEE MIZE

(Mr. ADERHOLT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)